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SUBJECT: RESUMPTION OF NORMAL FEDERAL BENEFITS OPERATIONS

1. AS CONDITIONS IN LEBANON HAVE APPRECIABLY IMPROVED, THE DEPARTMENT AND SSA WOULD LIKE TO RETURN FEDERAL BENEFIT OPERATIONS TO ITS NORMAL BASIS AS SOON AS PRACTICAL. AS YOU KNOW ALL FEDERAL BENEFIT REQUESTS FOR SERVICES HAVE BEEN HELD SINCE EARLY 1976 AND A BACKLOG HAS DEVELOPED WHICH WE SHOULD BEGIN TO REDUCE.

2. ALTHOUGH SSA WILL NEED TO SCREEN AND UPDATE ALL OF ITS CASES INVOLVING BENEFICIARIES AND CLAIMANTS IN LEBANON BEFORE IT CAN DETAIL ALL ACTIONS REQUIRED, ESTIMATES OF THE AMOUNT OF BACKLOGGED WORK ARE AS FOLLOWS: (A) CORRESPONDENCE SSA HAS ABOUT 100 PIECES OF CORRESPONDENCE WHICH NEED TO BE SENT TO BENEFICIARIES. SINCE POSTAL REGULATIONS LIMIT AIR-MAIL TO ONE OUNCE, THE EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE WILL BE REQUIRED TO DELIVER THE CORRESPONDENCE. (B) THERE ARE ALSO
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PAYEES; ARRANGING FOR MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS; AND THE LIKE.

3. ATHENS REGIONAL FEDERAL BENEFITS COORDINATOR, RONALD BOWLING, PREPARED TO PROVIDE ANY TYPE OF ASSISTANCE WHICH POST WOULD DEEM HELPFUL. POST MAY WANT TO CONTACT BOWLING DIRECTLY, KEEPING DEPT. INFORMED.

4. POST IS REQUESTED TO COMMENT AND ADVISE WHETHER OR NOT IT IS PREPARED TO BEGIN SERVICES IN EACH OF THE CATEGORIES OF WORK MENTIONED ABOVE. IN THIS REGARD, WE WILL INDICATE PRIORITY OF EACH CATEGORY OR GROUP OF CASES SO THAT WORK CAN BE PHASED IN. WE DO NOT EXPECT ALL REQUESTS TO BE ACTED ON AT THE SAME TIME.

5. OTHER FEDERAL BENEFIT PAYING AGENCIES MAY ALSO REQUIRE POST ASSISTANCE BUT ON A SMALLER SCALE. WE WILL KEEP THE EMBASSY INFORMED IN THIS REGARD. VANCE

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